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Pulaski County Woman Pleads Guilty to Insurance Fraud

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (January 12, 2007) —State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman today announced Linda Bolds, 42, of North Little Rock, entered a negotiated plea of guilty to one count of Attempted Insurance Fraud, a Class A misdemeanor, on January 8, 2007, in Pulaski County Circuit Court, Seventh Division. She was sentenced to one year probation and received a \$100 fine.

Bolds was originally suspected of making false statements to her insurance carrier concerning the circumstances of the alleged theft of her automobile. During the investigation, Bolds revealed to Arkansas Insurance Department (AID) investigators she had not driven her Kia Sorento to the movies on the day it was reported stolen, as she had told the police and her insurance carrier. Under questioning she admitted she had instead traded the vehicle for a Chevrolet Pathfinder earlier that day. There was no restitution in this case as the insurance carrier learned of the misrepresentation before paying the claim.

Jacquie Harper of the AID Criminal Investigation Division was the lead investigator in this case. Anyone knowing or suspecting an instance of insurance fraud should contact the division at its toll free hotline (866)660-0888.

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